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This is in response to applicants Appeal Brief, filed 2/23/98.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants arguments in the appeal brief are persuasive. Knowledge of the full-length nucleic acid sequence would not suggest which fragments would encode biologically active proteins.

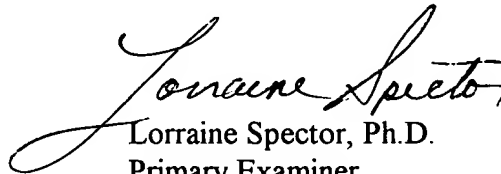
All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED.

Advisory Information:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Lorraine M. Spector, whose telephone number is (703) 308-1793. Dr. Spector can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at telephone number (703) 308-0196.

  
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